

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND PRODUCTION OF LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

Answer

- (a) the quantum of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) consumed in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) the estimated requirement of LPG for commercial and domestic use in the country during the current year;
- (c) whether the LPG produced from the indigenous sources is inadequate to meet the requirement of LPG in the country;
- (d) if so, the quantum of LPG produced indigenously and imported separately during each of the last three years;
- (e) the amount of subsidy per cylinder provided by the government on LPG; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for uninterrupted supply of LPG to the consumers?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural gas (Shri Murli Deora)

(a)to(f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.227 by Shrimati Kiran Maheshwari and Dr. Chinta Mohan to be answered on 7th December, 2006 regarding demand and production of LPG.

(a)to(d): Details of LPG demand, domestic production and imports for the last three years and for April-September 2006 are given in the table below:

	(Figs. In TMT)	Demand	Production
		Imports	
2003-04	930576	511708	
2004-05	1024578	172334	
2005-06	1029277	172719	
2006-07 (Apr-Sept) (P)	51674	103910	

The estimated total requirement of LPG in the country for the current year

(2006-07) is 10494 TMT. Domestic demand forms about 95% of total LPG demand in the country as per 2005-06 data. Indigenous production of LPG is inadequate to meet domestic requirements. The shortfall in availability is met through import of LPG.

(e): At present subsidy is being given at the rate of Rs. 22.58 per 14.2 Kg LPG domestic cylinder from the fiscal budget of the Government.

(f): Country-wide marketing infrastructure has been built over the years to meet consumer demand for LPG. This includes LPG bottling capacity of 8982 TMT and 9325 LPG distributorships as of 1.10.2006 spread all across the country.